



Sawtry All Saints Church

“ADVENTURERS”

Spring 2013 Newsletter

Welcome to our first Newsletter which aims to keep parents and carers up to date with our activities at **“Adventurers”**.

Beginnings

Although the name is fairly new, parishioners at All Saints Church have been running a monthly after-school club at the Infants' School since June 2010 – so we thought it was high time we told you a bit about what we did – and who we all are!

The idea of an after-school club came about because we wanted to reach more children than we see at our Sunday Club (see notice for more detail). So with support from the Infants' School we began a monthly programme of themed Bible “discovery” to help children explore God, Jesus' teaching and a Christian way of life. We do this through fun activities - games and quizzes, action songs, storytelling, crafts and play. We also make sure there is an area for quiet time should children want to have a quiet think or chat with God about our theme and we provide an activity to help them do this.

What do we do?

After drink and biscuit we have a game or activity in small groups to introduce our theme. Circle time follows when we all come together to welcome newcomers and be reminded of some simple rules for enjoying time together. We often have a circle game to break the ice, then move on to our story –sometimes a simple retelling, sometimes a drama – followed by a bit of discussion, a prayer and song (or dance!) on our theme. Then it's onto our craft activity and here the children have time to go to the “quiet space” if they want to. If time allows we have a game and finish in prayer before handing them back to you! You'll have some idea of what we've been doing from the various crafts and pictures that come home – but to fill you in on the detail, here's what we did earlier this year.....

Autumn/Spring terms

Sept – God knows and loves everyone.

Oct – God made a beautiful world for us to enjoy.

Nov – God looked after the grumbling Israelites and looks after us.

Dec - Mary's Special Messenger.

Jan – God is generous – wedding feast at Cana.

Feb – We should help those who need it – the story of the Good Samaritan

March – Easter story

Helping others

We've made Christmas Cards for Great Ormond Street children and older residents at Hillview. We made pennants that were included in a record breaking piece of bunting to raise awareness of Fairtrade.

Leaders

Leaders are all members of All Saints Church and have a wide experience between them of caring for and inspiring children! It is our policy that all Leaders are CRB checked and our child protection guidelines follow the Ely Diocese Child Protection Policy. Please ask if you'd like a copy.

Registration and Contact

Parents are asked to register all new children. This helps us to understand any special needs they may have as well as an emergency contact should we need to get hold of you.

To know more.....

If you have any questions about what we do or need any more information please feel free to chat with any of us at the end of "Adventurers" or contact Revd. Rosie Ward, 830215, wardrosie@btinternet.com or Ali Scott 832478, 07506411507, ali@scottfamily.plus.com. If you'd like future newsletters by email, please email me with your e-address.

All the best

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